

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claim 32 is objected to because of an informality.

Claims 1-22, 24-25, 28, 30, 33, 35-37 and 39-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Giniger et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,751,729).

Claims 23, 26-27, 29, 31-32, 34 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Giniger et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,751,729) in view of Rueda et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0112076).

The Applicants traverse the rejections and request reconsideration.

Claim Objections

The Applicants amend claim 32 to overcome the noted objection.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Rejection of claims 1-22, 24-25, 28, 30, 33, 35-37 and 39-41 based on Giniger et al.

The base claims 1, 4, 5 and 6 require that a connection be established between the terminal and the **ISP of trusted networks** without providing the terminal with direct access to the Internet.

In rejecting the above claims based on Giniger, the Examiner refers to col. 9, ll. 30-56 in support of his contention that Giniger discloses the above feature. Specifically, the Examiner refers to the POP 220 and contends that the POP 220 provides an access point between the edge device 110 and Internet 100. However, POP 220 cannot be considered to be an ISP of trusted networks, as required by the present invention. POP 220, is nothing more than a router and a communication interface to the router. Such a router cannot be considered to be equivalent to an ISP of trusted networks.

Specifically, the present inventive combination including the feature that a connection is established between the terminal and **the ISP for trusted network services** without providing the terminal with direct access to the Internet (as in independent claims 1, 4, 5 and 6) is not disclosed or suggested by Giniger.

"A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." MPEP 2131 *citing Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). The present invention, as recited in claim 1 (as amended), is not anticipated by Giniger at least because of the above noted differences.

Claim 36 includes the feature that a connection is established between the authentication server and the terminal for trusted network services without providing the terminal with direct access to the wide area network. For reasons analogous to the ones discussed above, the POP of Giniger cannot be considered to be equivalent to a terminal for trusted network services. Giniger does not disclose (or suggest) the present invention.

Claims 2, 3, 7-22, 24-25, 28, 30, 33, 35, 37, 39-41 are dependent on claims 1, 4, 5, 6 or 36 and are allowable at least for the same reasons.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

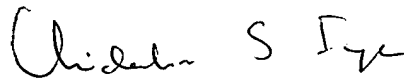
Rejection of claims 23, 26-27, 29, 31-32, 34 and 38 based on Giniger et al. in view of Rueda et al.

Claims 23, 26-27, 29, 31-32, 34 and 38 are dependent on claims 1, 4, 5 or 6 and are allowable at least for the same reasons. Further, Rueda does not overcome the deficiencies noted in the teachings of Giniger.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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